



The three hikes on this page can be combined into a 13 mile loop trail. Contact the State Park Office at (513) 897-3055 to get information or a permit for backpacking.

### **Furnas Shores to Visitor Center**

**(main trail – blue & yellow blazes, side trails – white blazes)**

**6.0 miles moderate to rugged hiking-** A trailhead can be located on an embankment just above the parking lot at Furnas Shores. This trail is blazed in yellow, but since it shares a route with the Buckeye Trail, it is also blazed in blue. The trail follows the contour of the lake through a young forest. The trail winds around past the Saddle Dam, and begins to get into a more mature forest. At the post with the letter “O” on it, continue on the main trail or take a short, one-way side trail blazed in white.

The side trail leads to a nice view of the lake. Back on the main trail, not long after a curve around the lake, there is another white-blazed side trail. This one is actually a shortcut, don’t loop around the site of the Old Sugar Camp. Though a loop around the Old Sugar Camp can be worth taking.

At the Day Lodge, follow the driveway towards the main road. Just before the driveway turns, go straight and enter the small field.

### **Wellman Meadows to Furnas Shores**

**(main trail – yellow blazes, side trails – white blazes, cross country/mountain bike – red blazes)**

**4.1 miles easy to moderate hiking-** This trail starts on the right-hand side of Wellman Meadows Road. It goes past a water tower and onward through the Pioneer Village. Look for a paved road. Continue to the right until, find a small road that leads through a field to a gas line. Follow the gas line down the hill and into the woods. Cross Rich’s Run and hike uphill to a field area which may be overgrown, cross the field and head down Lukens Road towards the lake. The trail continues on the right-hand side of the road. It will descend to Jonah’s Run, lead past the waterfalls and uphill to a field which may have to be bushwhacked. On the other side of the field, the trail continues through a wooded ravine. Cross another field that leads to a picnic shelter. Follow the road to the right until it reaches State Route 73. Go to the left on 73 and cross the bridge. Continue to hike the road to Furnas Shores.

## **Flat Fork Ridge to Wellman Meadows**

**(main trail – yellow blazes, side trails-white blazes)**

**2.9 miles easy to moderate hike**-The trail begins in the far right hand side of the upper parking lot for Flat Fork Ridge. Follow the trail through the spillway, around the lake and up to the ridge top. Enter the woods the trail is marked by yellow blazes on trees. Shortly there after find an overlook, which gives a view of the waterfall. Continue along the trail and begin a descent to Flat Fork Creek where a swinging bridge will lead crosses. On the other side, continue up the hill following the yellow blazes. While hiking, an occasional side trail will be seen. Some are blazed in white. Some are not blazed at all. It is best to stay on the trail with the yellow blazes. The trail will go up a hill and to the left past a pond. Then it will slope up and down the rolling wooded hills. Curve gradually to the left until the post with the letter "F" on it. At this point, the trail continues straight, or can go to the right the blazes will still be yellow. The trail crosses a road and continues past a water tower and onward to the Pioneer Village. If on the straight trail, the blazes will be white and the trail goes to the Wellman Meadows parking Lot. The trail will wind around the contour of the lake to the left. At the point where the trail begins to curve to the right, there is a scenic view of the lake. From this point on, there are no blazes.